



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Asotin County**

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended certified nursing assistant **Kristina A. Brewster** (NC60276348) for at least three years. Brewster diverted narcotic pain reliever from patients at a rehabilitation and care center where she worked. She was convicted of attempting to obtain a controlled substance through fraud.

### **Grays Harbor County**

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Maria D. Aceto** (NC10045871) for at least two years. In 2014 she was convicted of third-degree theft.

### **King County**

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended the psychologist license of **Wayne C. Dees** (PY00003311) for at least two years. Dees, who worked for the state Department of Social and

Health Services, was evaluating a patient for eligibility for financial benefits. Dees touched a patient during a physical examination and told the patient he was attracted to him and asked if he was a homosexual. Dees also told the patient that he could affect the outcome of his claim for benefits.

In October 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Kazuo A. Kurose** (CO60371726) for failing to comply with terms and conditions of the agreed order. In 2001 Kurose was convicted of vehicular assault and hit and run with injury. In 2005 he was convicted of third-degree malicious mischief and second-degree malicious mischief. In 2007 he was convicted of possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance, cocaine, obstructing a law enforcement officer, and possession of 40 grams or less of marijuana.

### **Kitsap County**

In October 2014 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Elizabeth J. Clement** (NC10081160) under which Clement has agreed to surrender her certified nursing assistant credential. Clement agrees not to resume the practice of nursing assistance in Washington, including any temporary, emergency, or volunteer practice. While working at a veteran's home, Clement didn't follow a requirement to use a hydraulic lift to transfer a patient for bathing. The patient suffered a shoulder injury that required surgery.

### **Pierce County**

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **Renate U. Chesmer** (NC10093661) for at least two years. While Chesmer worked at an adult family home, the co-worker who relieved her noted that seven of a patient's oxycodone pills were missing. Chesmer's employer fired her after she didn't respond to several attempts to contact her about the missing medication. While Chesmer was working at another facility, she admitted taking two patients' narcotic medication for her own use. In 2014 she was convicted of third-degree theft in connection with those incidents.

In November 2014 the Home Care Aide Program suspended the credential of home care aide **Beverly M. Allen** (HM60342090) for five years. While working for a living assistance service, she was assigned to care for a client with dementia who wasn't to be left alone. Allen drove the client's car to a grocery store leaving the client unattended. A law enforcement officer discovered Allen looking for the client's car in the grocery store parking lot, smelling of intoxicants, slurring her words. Allen admitted to drinking four or five beers.

### **Snohomish County**

In October 2014 the Medical Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of medical assistant phlebotomist **Bonnie Davis** (PC60419542). Her registered nurse credential was suspended in 2003 when Davis didn't comply with a stipulation requiring her to undergo regular substance abuse testing and to see that regular performance evaluation reports were submitted.

### **Spokane County**

In October 2014 the secretary of health suspended the certified nursing assistant credential of **April D. Brown** (NC60030940) for at least two years. After a work injury at a skilled nursing facility, Brown tested positive for narcotics she didn't have a prescription for, and for marijuana.

### **Yakima County**

In October 2014 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Vanessa Guizar** under which Guizar must cease and desist from the practice of massage, and pay a fine of \$1,000. Guizar doesn't have a massage credential, but advertised massage services, texted an investigator that "I massage just ladies," and at least once engaged in the practice of massage.

In November 2014 the Medical Commission withdrew the statement of charges against **Wallace A. Donaldson** (MD00009019). His medical license also expired in November 2014.

### **Out of State**

**Texas:** In December 2014 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Sarah Dawn Evert** (NA60109679). While co-owner of Sarah's Care Adult Family Home, the state Department of Social and Health Services found Evert verbally and mentally abused two vulnerable adults. Evert isn't allowed to be employed in the care of or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

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